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Invitation to make a submission to the Franchising Code of Conduct Inquiry

Dear Member

VACC has pressed for a review into franchising with the objective of achieving an industry specific Franchise Code for many years now. It is obvious that even with amendments to the Franchising Code, and the introduction of unfair contracts laws more recently, that our Dealer members that have had disputes with franchisors, had been left with little legal protection.

The current Parliamentary Joint Committee Inquiry is a significant opportunity to present the best case forward for change. Having recently spent time with Senator John Williams, he reiterated the need to hear from franchisees regarding their experiences.

Consequently, I **strongly encourage you** to make a submission if you have experienced difficulties with a franchise agreement or with a franchise relationship, either in the past or currently. Equally, members that have strong viable relationships are encouraged to make a submission which may identify positive solutions to the experience felt among many franchise dealers. Your submission can be confidential if you wish.

VACC is pleased to support members with their submission. The attached prompter questions will assist in organising the relevant material for inclusion in a submission. Filing of submissions can be complex, therefore VACC will help members with the filing process.

Please forward your responses to the questions for us to assist you in capturing the relevant information to franchisesubmission@vacc.com.au   Inquiry submissions close 4 May 2018, therefore VACC will need your material by 27 April 2018, the latest.

Any questions on this Inquiry can be directed to either me on 03 9829 1121, Michael McKenna on (03) 9829 1280, or Stuart Strickland on (03) 9829 1146.

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